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Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3-16 are pending and at issue.

The indication of allowance for claim 3 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to depend solely from claim 3. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 4 and 7 and their dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

The indication that claims 14 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is also acknowledged with appreciation, but the claims have not been so amended in view of the further amendment of base claim 12 to distinguish the art.

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the clarification provided in the illustrations with the present Office Action. Independent claim 12 has been amended to distinguish Soyka, Jr. et al by characterizing the corner as being an inside corner. Soyka, Jr. et al does not disclose a structure such as a crown molding member having a planar portion and a mounting flange which extend along a horizontal ceiling and vertical wall of an inside corner as recited in amended claim 12. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections of independent claim 12 and its dependent claims 13 and 15 should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 4-16 and allowance of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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